

Lake Washburn Association Newsletter



SUMMER, 1994

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is approaching at a fast pace and I am looking forward to our first general meeting on Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 am. There will be a director's meeting at 8:00 am.

I thank the officers and directors for their support in the pursuit of our goals for Lake Washburn Association.

Response to our February newsletter was very positive. We thank you for your comments and suggestions.

Suggestions/comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- 1) Concerned about the number of lawns that are right up to the edge of the shoreline. Any fertilizer increases weed growth in the lake. Member recommendation: No fertilizer and 10' barrier.
- 2) Taxes on non-homestead property are too high.
- 3) Lots of good information!
- 4) A thank you for the buoys and promotion of lakeshore preservation.
- 5) Concerns about the wild rice beds and possibility of buoys placed to keep boats out of the beds.
- 6) Comments on stocking of lake pertaining to the DNR article in the newsletter.

This gives you an idea of the varied concerns our membership has. Our lake association gives us the opportunity to work together to help solve these concerns or at least make others aware of them.

We hope you have sent in YOUR membership! A form is included in this newsletter.

JUNE 11 MEETING

Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 9:00 am at the Town Hall. Coffee and rolls will be served.

The agenda will include:

- Tim Richardson and Paul Fairbanks from the Cass County ESD office will present a program on "Zoning Update & Water Quality".
- The directors will present a proposed update of our bylaws which will help us in pursuing non-profit organization status.
- Two brochures will be available to those attending:
"A Shoreland Owners Guide to Shoreland"
"An Anglers Guide to Catch & Release"
- Memberships for the year 1994 will also be available.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting...bring a lake neighbor!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Our second annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 13, 6:00 pm, at the Community Hall. Last year about 60 people attended this event.

The menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, bread, bars, coffee and kool-aid. The cost will be \$5.00 per adult, \$2.50 per child, and \$12.50 per family.

We hope you will mark your calendar now and plan to join us in this fun evening. Our general meeting will take place directly following the dinner, approximately 7:15 pm.

We thank Jan Hron for again heading up this event.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM

At our meeting last August, the membership decided to continue in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Our area is Highway 48 from Highway 6 to the end of the blacktop.

The first clean-up for 1994 will be on Saturday, May 28. Participants should meet at the campground at 9:00. If you have questions, contact Jerry Ballard, 792-5286 or 515-964-4312.

MILFOIL CHECK

The Lake Association will again be checking boats at the public landing on Memorial Day weekend. Be sure to contact Greg Hosch, 792-5649, if you would like to help.

To help stop the spread of harmful exotic species, which includes Eurasian Watermilfoil, Spine Water Flea, and Zebra Mussel, please take the following steps:

- 1) Clean all vegetation off your boat, trailer and equipment.
- 2) Drain your livewell, bait containers, and engine cooling system after fishing.
- 3) Do not dump live fish into any waters.
- 4) Clean and dry your equipment before relaunching.

LAKE MEMBERSHIP

As noted in the last Lake Washburn Newsletter, there are about 300 property owners on Lake Washburn. Using the mailing list we compiled the following information on "where we come from".

Lake Washburn property owners represent 10 states - Arizona (1), Florida (2), Hawaii (1), Illinois (1), Iowa (26), Kansas (1), Minnesota (268), Missouri (1), Texas (1), and Wisconsin (1).

Iowa's 26 property owners are from 11 cities: Ankeny 12, Des Moines 4, Ames 2, and the following cities one each: Boone, Carlisle, Hampton, Johnston, Lone Tree, Mitchellville, Spencer, and Woodward.

Our representation in Minnesota is mainly centered around Outing, Remer and the Twin Cities and its suburbs, but many other regions are also found. A total of 83 Minnesota cities are listed on the Lake Washburn Association mailing list.

Minneapolis leads the list with 39; followed by Outing 25; Remer 17; St. Paul 13; Bloomington 11; Edina 9; Coon Rapids 7; White Bear Lake, Brooklyn Park and Maplewood 5. Blaine Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Richfield each have 4 property owners; Anoka, Burnsville, Crystal, Eden Prairie, Fridley, New Brighton, New Hope, Rochester, Rogers, Roseville, and Wayzata each have 3 property owners.

Arden Hills, Mendota Heights, Princeton, Robbinsdale, Shakopee, Shoreview, St. Cloud, St. Louis Park and South St. Paul each 2. The following cities have one property owner listed: Albertville, Albert Lea, Andover, Annandale, Austin, Bayport, Becker, Brooklyn Center, Cedar, Chaska, Chisago City, Circle Pines, Dayton, Delano, Duluth, Elk River, Excelsior, Forest Lake, Gaylord, Hamel, Hugo, Inver Grove Heights, Kasota, Lake Elmo, Lakeville, Lino Lakes, Mahtomedi, Maple Grove, Marine, Marshall, Moorhead, Mound, North Branch, Northfield, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Osseo, Owatonna, Prior Lake, Ramsey, Redwood Falls, St. Peter,

Scandia, Stillwater, West St. Paul, Zimmerman, and Zumbro Falls.

As with all statistical computation, errors may occur. If your town is not listed, please let us know. We thought this information was interesting and wanted to share our "origins" with all Lake Association property owners.

ADDRESS CHANGE?

The Association needs your help in keeping our records up-to-date.

If you know of any Lake Washburn property owner who DID NOT receive our newsletter, please forward the name and address to one of the board directors or to Box 26, Outing, MN. When you change your permanent address, add the Lake Association to your change of address list. It helps save on postage.

LAKE DIRECTORY

Of the 41 memberships returned as of May 1, response to the question of publishing a lake directory ran about 41% in favor. A 50% interest rate is needed to make the directory cost effective. The Association Board will start discussing this project at their May meeting. Hopefully a decision will be made by the end of summer.

If the Board decides to go ahead with a directory a "Permission to Print Name, Etc." form will be sent to all Association members. This form will need to be filled out and returned, along with a check for the printing and postage, by a deadline date.

Information listed would be name, home address/phone, lake address/phone, and fire number. Each member would choose what information he/she wanted to have appear in the directory but name and lake address and road would be required.

This directory could be ready for distribution at the June, 1995, general meeting. Be sure to let your directors know if you are interested in having a Lake Washburn Directory. Questions can be directed to John/Alvis Houston, 792-5440.

DID YOU KNOW

Outing got its name because years ago people in the Brainerd area would travel on the Merrifield Trail for a Sunday "outing" to the narrows of Lake Roosevelt (which was called Crooked Lake until 1919).

In 1914 the road was built up to Remer. It used to take two days to go from the Narrows to Remer and back by the old Wagon trail.

Emily was started about 1894 and Old Outing about 1900.

The bridge was built at the Narrows about 1913.

SPECIAL WEEKENDS

There are some special weekends coming up in May:

May 7-8: Take A Mom Fishing Weekend

Mothers may fish without a license on these dates.

June 11-12: Take A Kid Fishing Weekend

Adults accompanying children under the age of 16 on this weekend may fish without a license on these dates.

RECYCLING

Are you aware of the recycling containers that are behind the community hall? There are bins for glass, cardboard, metal plastic, aluminum and newspaper. These items can be dropped off at any time.

Help our environment, recycle!!

FISHING INFORMATION

A new regulation for 1994...In inland waters, not more than one walleye over 20 inches or one northern pike over 30 inches may be taken daily. Northern and walleye may be transported dressed or as fillets, but must still retain a 1" square patch of skin.

Following are the state records for some of the fish species found (not caught!) in Lake Washburn:

Largemouth Bass: 8 lb, 9.5 oz.

Bluegill: 2 lb 13 oz.

Black Bullhead: 2 lb, 9.6 oz.

Yellow Bullhead: 3 lb, 6 oz.

Black Crappie: 5 lb.

White Crappie: 2 lb, 14 oz.

Yellow Perch: 3 lb 4 oz.

Northern Pike: 45 lb, 12 oz.

Sunfish: 1 lb, 1.9 oz.

Walleye: 17 lb 8 oz.

More interesting fishing information may be found in the 1994 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet that comes with your fishing license.

WATER SAFETY

A reminder of some basic water safety tips:

- 1) All watercraft, including canoes, must be registered.
- 2) Everyone on board any watercraft (except sailboards) must wear or have "readily accessible" a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). PFD's stored in lockers, under anchors/line, or enclosed in plastic bags are NOT considered "readily accessible".
- 3) Boating while intoxicated is unlawful. More than half of all boating accidents are alcohol related.
- 4) Persons age 13-17 are required to have a watercraft operators permit (available from the DNR) to operate a boat over 24 hp. unless someone over 18 is on board.

IMPROVE FISHING

Natural shorelines contain native bank vegetation and shallow water plants such as bulrushes crucial for healthy fish populations. Lakeshore vegetation anchors erodible soil. Shallow-water plants attract aquatic insects and minnows that fish eat. They also provide hiding places for young fish.

The DNR Division of Waters, responsible for lake and river shoreline management, works with municipalities, lake associations, cabin owners and the Fisheries Section to protect natural shoreline vegetation and associated ecosystems.

AQUATIC ACCOUNTANCY

Each year the DNR spends about \$17 million to manage the state's diverse fisheries.

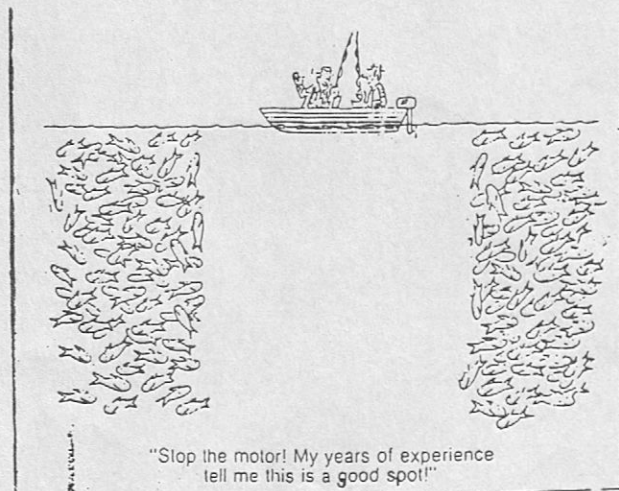
The money is spent as follows:

29.5%	Surveys of lakes and streams
17.9%	Culture and stocking of fish
14.4%	Program Support
8.4%	Research
7.2%	Habitat Improvement
5.9%	Facilities
5.2%	Long Range Plans/Coordination
4.1%	Aquatic and Public Education
3.3%	Equipment and Supplies
2.6%	Individual Work Plans
1.5%	Worker's Comp/Unemployment

In 1992 the DNR took in \$26.7 million. Of that most (\$15.3 million) came from the sale of resident and nonresident fishing licences. Another big chunk came from federal aid, about \$7 million.

Other sources of income: the fisheries surcharge, trout and salmon stamps, and a mix of permits, interest and fish restitution. Funding also comes from the State legislature.

(Information from the Fish & Wildlife Today, Winter, 1994)



ECONOMY HELP

Every five years since 1950, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with the help from the Bureau of Census, surveys hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers in every state to learn how many participate in related recreational activities, and what they contribute to the economy. Survey results are compiled for the nation and each state, providing a comprehensive look at the people who hunt, fish and otherwise enjoy fish and wildlife.

According to the survey, hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers in Minnesota spent money on a wide range of products and services related to fish and wildlife. Some examples from 1991:

- Bait: \$34 million
- Bird food: \$65 million
- Firearms: \$39 million
- Boats and Canoes: \$117 million
- Rods and Reels: \$25 million
- Ice: \$4.7 million

The survey shows that in 1991, the states 1.1 million residents and 350,000 nonresident anglers age 16 and older spent 18 million days on Minnesota waters. They also spent an average of \$643 each on fishing in Minnesota for a total of \$933 million. Of that, residents spent \$476 million on equipment and \$338 million on trip-related expense (food, lodging, transportation, bait, etc.)

(Information from Fish & Wildlife Today, Winter, 1994)

WOODIE WATCH

There are many signs of spring and a pair of wood ducks is one. They return to Minnesota as mates-for-a-season. This bird brightens the lives of thousands of Minnesotans who offer woodies a nesting home.

Wood ducks are one of the most plentiful birds in the bag of Minnesota waterfowlers. In recent years, the total wood duck harvest by hunters has averaged about 766,000 birds.

According to the March 13 issue of the Star Tribune, Minnesotans infatuated with wood duck lore have started a Wood Duck Organization. For information call 612-464-5194.

EHRlichosis

A new tick borne disease, previously found only in the Southern states, has spread to Northern Minnesota. The disease, ehrlichosis, has the same symptoms as the flu but can be fatal if left untreated. Duluth physicians saw several cases of the disease last fall. The disease is transmitted by the bite of the deer and wood ticks. It is easily treated with antibiotics according to a Duluth physician. Elderly people may be more susceptible to ehrlichosis because they are often in poorer health than younger people.

(Information taken from the Mpls. Tribune, Fall, 1993)

WHAT TO DO???

Guests coming, don't know what to do or where to go when you are finished swimming, hiking and fishing? Following are some area activities for May thru August.

◆May 21: Little Falls celebrates the Spirit of St. Louis Anniversary with events focusing on Charles Lindbergh's 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic.

◆June 5: State Wide Open House. A day of free admission to any Minnesota State Park.

◆June 5: Crow Wing Encampment with crafts, etc. of the fur-trading era at Crow Wing State Park.

◆June 8: Turtle Race season starts at Longville, every Wednesday thru August.

◆June 10-12 Riverfest at Little Falls. Water events, craft fair, music, 5k run, etc.

◆June 15: Turtle Race season starts at Nisswa, held every Wednesday evening.

◆June 16-19: Judy Garland Festival in Grand Rapids. Mini-film festival, craft fair, ice cream social, lawn party, etc.

◆June 18: Fireman's Day at Remer. Flea market, sidewalk sales, turkey barbecue, dance.

◆July 1-2: North Star Arts and Crafts Festival at Nisswa, in Community School.

July 4: Several area towns have celebrations, check the local papers!

◆July 8-10: Wild Rice Festival in Deer River. Bingo, carnival, flea market, etc.

◆July 9: Loon Festival at Nisswa. Loon artists, writers, seminars, etc.

◆July 13: Bean Hole Days at Pequot Lakes. Free beans, bazaar, craft show, etc. held at Railroad Mall.

◆July 14-17: Cass County Fair in Pine River.

◆July 16-17: 10th Annual Woodcraft Festival in Grand Rapids. Northern Minnesota woodcrafters demonstrate.

◆July 22-24: Riverboat Heritage Days in Aitken. Parade, carnival, crafts, etc.

◆July 23: Arts and Crafts Festival in Nisswa. In elementary school and downtown.

◆August 2-6: Crow Wing County Fair in Brainerd.

◆August 12-14 Harvest Festival in Remer. Parade, craft show, flea market, etc.

◆August 17-21: Itasca County Fair in Grand Rapids

SWIMMER'S ITCH

Some lake residents were bothered last year by "swimmer's itch", a skin irritation caused by parasitic fluke larva. Flukes may be carried by snails and birds such as ducks. If flukes penetrate human skin, a larva leaves a focalized red and itching spot which may last for days.

In waters with duck and snail populations, it is advisable to shower and to "towel down" immediately when leaving the water.

1994 DATES TO REMEMBER
(Please place on your bulletin board, calendar, etc.)

May 21	8:00 AM	Board of Director's Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
May 28	9:00 AM	Highway Cleanup (Meet at Campground)
June 11	8:00 AM	Board of Director's Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
	9:00 AM	General Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
July 2	9:00 AM	Highway Cleanup (Meet at Campground)
July 16	8:00 AM	Board of Director's Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
August 13	8:00 AM	Board of Director's Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
	6:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner followed by General Meeting, Town Hall, Outing
September 3	9:00 AM	Highway Cleanup (Meet at Campground)

OFFICERS FOR 1994

Following is a listing of the 1993-94 Board of Directors and Officers. You may contact the association by calling any of the officers or directors listed or by writing to Box 26, Outing, MN 56662.

	Lake Phone	Home Phone
President.....John Houston.....	792-5440.....	792-5440
Vice President.....Gerald Ballard.....	792-5286.....	515-964-4312
Treasurer.....George Fortmeyer.....	792-5416.....	612-631-0154
Secretary.....Marge Anderson.....	792-5317.....	612-941-1412

Directors:

Steve Hacker.....	1 year.....	792-5422.....	612-770-0249
Harold Hegman.....	1 year.....	792-5442.....	612-835-1067
Pat Behning.....	2 year.....	792-5111.....	612-920-2827
Bob Chapman.....	2 year.....	792-5318.....	792-5318
Greg Hosch.....	3 year.....	792-5649.....	612-755-2873
Jan Hron.....	3 year.....	792-5517.....	612-934-8050

LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____

PERM ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

LAKE ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ FIRE NUMBER: _____

PHONE: _____

1994 MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00 NEW: _____ RENEWAL: _____

Mail to Lake Washburn Association, Box 26, Outing, MN 56662. Make checks payable to Lake Washburn Association, Inc.

I am interested in the following committees:

Natural Resources ___ Water Quality ___ Zoning/Planning ___ Membership ___ Finance ___ Newsletter ___ Directory ___

___ I would be interested in having the Lake Washburn Association publish a directory listing names, address and phone numbers of Association members.

Personal interests or suggestions/comments:

FIRE NUMBERS

Do you know your fire number? It is important to know the LETTER and NUMBER. Since townships assign the numbers, duplicate numbers have been issued around the county. However, each township has a different letter designation.

In the event of an emergency, you MUST provide the letter designation as well as the numbers. In addition the 911 operator or our local 792-5100 emergency operator will need brief directions to your property.

If you do not have a fire number, you can get one by contacting Lenny Lang, 792-5548.

The DNR and Sheriff's Department also suggests that the fire numbers be posted on your dock or shoreline to help with emergency situations on the lake.

A CREED TO LIVE BY

The most important SIX words are:
"I Admit I Made A Mistake"

The most important FIVE words are:
"I Am Proud Of You"

The most important FOUR words are:
"What Is Your Opinion"

The most important THREE words are:
"If You Please"

The most important TWO words are:
"Thank You"

The most important ONE word is:
"We"

And the LEAST IMPORTANT ONE word is: "I"

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